

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Anders BJORK et al. Conf.: 7556  
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ANIMALS

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**APPELLANTS' REPLY BRIEF UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 41.41**

Madam:

In response to the Examiner's Answer mailed September 14, 2009, Applicants request the appeal be maintained and supply the following arguments in reply under 37 C.F.R. § 41.41(a) (1).

**I. STATUS OF CLAIMS:**

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's status of the claims in the Answer is correct. Claims 1-20 are pending. Claims 1-20 currently stand rejected. Claims 1 and 14 are independent claims. The claims are rejected as follows: